

CHAPTER 42 VEHICLE LICENSE TAX

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42.01 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions found in Appendix A of this Code, whenever the term “motor vehicle” is used in this Chapter 42, it is construed to include vehicles propelled by automotive power, such as automobiles and motorcycles, with the exception of traction engines, farm tractors, road rollers and steam railways. This Chapter 42 does not apply to bicycles or other vehicles propelled by muscular power.

42.02 LICENSE REQUIRED

A. It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle registered in the City to use or to cause or permit any of his agents or employees to operate or store a motor vehicle in the City unless the same is licensed as hereinafter provided.

B. All vehicles for which a license is required by this Chapter 42, not owned by persons residing in the City, but kept in the City or used for more than 30 cumulative days are declared to be within the City and subject to the provisions of this Chapter 42, if operated or stored in the City. It is unlawful for any person to engage in the business of carrying passengers for hire, in motor vehicles, within the corporate limits of the City, without first obtaining a license as provided by herein.

C. If a vehicle is not in operation at the time a violation is found, a ticket may be issued to the owner of said vehicle who shall be presumed to be in control of such vehicle at the time of the violation. A ticket may be issued as in cases of parking violations by firmly affixing the ticket to the vehicle.

D. EXEMPTIONS: Taxing bodies shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter 42.

42.03 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Application for a vehicle license is made in writing to the City. The application shall include the name, address and telephone number of the vehicle’s owner; state license plate number; and vehicle description. The vehicle registration must be shown to verify the application. Upon payment of the license fee to the City, the City shall issue the license.

42.04 LICENSE FEES *Amended, 09-4-3*

- A. ANNUAL FEE: The license fee to be paid annually to the City shall be as follows:
1. Vehicles owned by persons under age of 65: \$20.
 2. Vehicles owned by persons 65 and over: \$5.
 3. Any proprietor, firm or corporation owning and operating more than one vehicle for commercial purposes shall pay \$10 per vehicle for the first four vehicles owned and operated in the business and \$5 per vehicle for any additional vehicles owned and operated for commercial purposes.

Such license fees are due and payable annually in the first day of August of each year; all issued licenses expire on the last day of July in each year. When issued for a period of less than one year, the fee shall remain the same.

B. NEW VEHICLE PURCHASES: Applicants for licenses who have purchased motor vehicles after August 30 have 30 days to purchase a vehicle license. If the vehicle license is purchased within the 30-day period, the applicant is entitled to the same fee as those purchasing vehicle licenses prior to the 30th day of August of each year.

C. TRANSFER LICENSE: If an applicant is transferring a license to a unlicensed vehicle, a \$2 transfer fee shall be required.

D. GRACE PERIOD: A non-resident who becomes a resident of the City may, for a period of the first 60 days of residence in the City, operate any motor vehicle without complying with the provisions of this Chapter 42.

E. DELINQUENT FEES: In the event the license fee is not paid as required herein, the fee shall be doubled and the vehicle owner subject to a fine as provided herein.

42.05 REPLACEMENT OF LICENSE

Any licensee whose license is mutilated, destroyed or otherwise require replacement may obtain a replacement upon proof of the mutilation, destruction or other circumstances requiring replacement of his/her original license, and the payment of a replacement fee of \$2 to the City.

42.06 PLATE OR STICKER

Each applicant, upon payment of the fee, is given a license plate or windshield sticker, without charge, of such design and material as approved by the City Council. The plate or sticker must be fastened on the lower right hand corner of the vehicle's windshield at all times the vehicle is operated and/or stored in the City. At no time should a succession of windshield stickers obstruct the view of the vehicle's operator.

42.07 PENALTY *Amended, 09-*

Every violation of this Chapter 42 shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$500 for each violation.